Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—They are under the control of the Revenue Department. But the Village Panchayats are, under section 11 of the Village Panchayat Regulation, No. V of 1089, responsible for their preservation intact.

2. No.

3. Regular action under the Land Conservancy Regulation is being taken against persons who encroach upon *porambokes*. If the Member can specify any instance where action has not been taken against persons who encroach upon *porambokes* foot-paths and lanes, action will be taken against the encroachers concerned.

Grazing grounds.

82. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have come to know that grazing grounds in many places are of no use to the public, as they are not properly maintained, and that they are excessive in extent when considered with the need of the people of each locality;

(b) will the Government be pleased to state whether they have ever considered the matter of assigning the grazing grounds or a portion of it for the benefit of the poor classes; if so, what has been the result of the same?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—(a) Government have not received any representation that these sites are of no use to the public. The extent reserved in one particular village may be a little excessive for the needs of that village, but it may not have been exclusively reserved for that village alone.

(b) Grazing grounds are not generally assigned, but in individual cases where, without detriment to the public interests, it is found that a portion of such fields can be leased, Government have done so to the poor.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know what will be the extent of these plots of grazing grounds?

President.—Of one block? It may be about one hundred acres.

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—And sometimes more.

President.—But if you wanted that information, it would have been supplied.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know what area will be required approximately for each village?

President.—That is a matter of opinion.

The assignment of lands to the poor.

83. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state an approximate area of land that can be assigned to the poor classes in several taluks of the State, if they are willing to do so?

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Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—The approximate area can be ascertained only after the disafforestation of forest areas for cultivation purposes is completed. The Member is referred to the discussion printed at pages 1582 and 1583 of the Council Proceedings for 1101, Volume II, Part 19.

84. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കരുണൻ.— (a) പലിശ്ശനിനും ഉപ്പുകയറ്റി കൊച്ചിയിലേക്കുപോകുന്ന തോണികൾ പലപ്പോഴും ഉൗന്നികളിൽ തട്ടി ഉൗന്നികൾക്കും വിളക്കുകാലിനും നാശംവരുത്തുന്ന സംഗതി മേലധികാരികളുടെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ ;

(b) മറുപടി അനുവാദകരമാണെങ്കിൽ അതിന്റെ നിവാരണത്തിനു് എന്തെല്ലാം നടപടികൾ നടത്തീട്ടുണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ദാമോദരമെനോൻ.—(a) ഇല്ല. (b) ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിനു് മറുപടി ആവശ്യമില്ല.

The representation of communities in the State service.

85. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the castes or communities shown in Table XIII of the Report of the Census of Cochin, 1921, who are not represented in the State service and the reasons, if any, why special preference is not extended to each of the unrepresented communities?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The supply of the information required would involve considerable time and labour, and the Government regret that they are unable on this account to furnish the information.

Particulars regarding certain Government Officers.

86. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

a. the dates on which the Diwan Secretary, Mr. Vengu Ayyar, and the Superintendent of Registration entered the Government service;

b. what is the salary now drawn by each of them;

c. when were they last given an increment of salary;

d. whether Mr. Vengu Ayyar has taken any leave after the last legislative session of the Legislative Council; and if so, for how long;

e. who has been acting or attending to his own work during his absence on leave, and when did the acting officer enter Government service and what was the salary he was getting at the beginning of 1102?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—a. Vide *the Civil List.*

b. Rs. 550 and Rs. 300 respectively.

c. On 1st Edavam 1102 and 1st Chingam 1092 respectively.

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